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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA REQUEST FOR A SHIP

**REF: STATE 038217** 

- 1. IN ACCORD WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, U.S. IN-ABILITY TO FULFILL GSL REQUEST FOR SHIP CONVEYED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL 16 FEBRUARY. ONLY REACTION WAS HIS BRIEF OBSERVATION THAT IN LIGHT PUBLIC USG POLICY STATEMENTS ON ARMS CONTROL, NEGATIVE U.S. RESPONSE HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN REFERRED TO AGAIN BY GSL OFFICIALS IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS.
- 2. WE HAVE BEEN MORE RECENTLY TOLD THAT GSL IS APPROACHING FRANCE FOR A NAVAL VESSEL. THIS IS NOT SURPRISING CONSIDERING PROMINENT FRENCH NAVAL PRESENCE IN AREA. VISITS TO COLOMBO BY FRENCH WARSHIPS EXCEED THOSE OF ANY OTHER NAVY IN 1977.
- 3. FOR CINCPAC: FOREGOING DRAFTED PRIOR RECEIPT CINCPAC 010349Z MAR 78. WRIGGINS

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